

GRAFFITI REMOVAL

1. PLANNING/PREPARATION

- a. Graffiti removal activities are to be scheduled during dry weather.
- b. Whenever there is a ditch or waterway underneath the graffiti, always paint over instead of removing.
- c. Waterless and nontoxic chemical cleaning methods (i.e. gels or spray compounds) should be used when possible.
- d. Avoid using cleaning products that contain hazardous substances (i.e. hydrofluoric acid, muriatic acid, sodium hydroxide, bleach) that can turn wastewater into hazardous waste.
- e. Minimize the amount of water used during high pressure washing activities.

2. COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL PROCESS

- a. When sand blasting, sweep up impervious areas to collect any waste material and dispose of waste material in the trash.
- b. Locate points where wastewater will be collected.
- c. Protect and plug storm drain inlets as required prior to removing graffiti.
- d. As long as no soaps or chemicals are used, direct runoff from sand blasting and high pressure washing into a landscaped or dirt area. If such landscape or dirt area is not available, filter runoff through an appropriate filtering device (i.e. filter fabric) to keep sand, particles and debris out of the storm drains.
- e. If soaps or chemicals are used, collect the waste water by vacuuming or pumping and dispose of the wastewater to the sanitary sewer. Do not remove sewer manhole covers to dispose of wastewater to the sanitary sewer system without prior approval.
- f. Do not mix non-hazardous wastewater with wastewater known to contain hazardous substances. Mixing these wastes can increase the characteristic and/or total volume of waste, resulting in more expensive disposal and additional regulatory requirements.
- g. Once wastewater has been collected, visible solids remaining in the collection area after liquids have been removed or evaporated must be swept up and properly disposed to prevent future discharges to the storm sewer system.

3. DOCUMENTATION

- a. Maintain a list of graffiti removal activities and individuals responsible for conducting such operation.